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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002, which sets a one month period for response.

AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the Claims

Please add the following claim.

46. (New) An isolated polypeptide encoded by the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:

3, or a fragment or variant thereof, wherein the variant has greater than 80% amino acid sequence homology to SEQ ID NO: 3, and wherein the polypeptide is bacteriocidal.

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